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1. IN PRESS TO PREPARE PARA PAPER IN TIME TO MEET SPECIAL
COURIER RUN DRAFTING OFFICER OVERLOOKED FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS
IN REFTELS UNTIL PREPARATION OF PAPER WELL ADVANCED. SINCE
DATE OF NEXT AVAILABLE CLASSIFIED POUCH RUN IS UNCERTAIN, TO
AVOID FURTHER DELAY EMBASSY COMPLETED AND FORWARDED PARA AS
REFAIR IN OLD FORMAT EXCEPT FOR RESOURCE TABLE WHICH USES
NEW FORMAT.

2. IN EVENT PARA PAPER CAN BE USED AS IS, TOGETHER WITH
EMBASSY JUDGMENTS AS TO RELATIVE PRIORITIES OF INTERESTS AND
OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) U.S. INTERESTS:

1. RETENTION OF THE NASA TRACKING STATION IN MADAGASCAR
BECAUSE OF ITS ADVANTAGEOUS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION AND THE HIGH
COST OF ALTERNATIVE TRACKING FACILITIES.

2. DENIAL OF MALAGASY BASES TO POTENTIALLY HOSTILE
POWERS IN VIEW OF MADAGASCAR'S STRATEGIC LOCATION AT HAWT
VITAL OIL SHIPPING LANES FROM PERSIAN GULF TO U.S. AND
WESTERN EUROPE.

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3. RENEWED ACCESS OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS TO MALAGASY

PORTS IF ADDITIONAL INDIAN OCEAN PORTS BECOME CLOSED TO THOSE VESSELS.

4. MAINTAIN ACCESS TO MALAGASY RAW MATERIALS AND TO MALAGASY MARKET FOR U.S. EXPORTS.

5. MALAGASY SUPPORT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

6. MAINTAIN ACCESS TO MALAGASY GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO U.S.

(B) U.S. OBJECTIVES:

1. MAINTENANCE OF THE NASA TRACKING STATION.

2. RESTRICTION OF ADVERSARY POWERS, E.G. SOVIET UNION AND PRC, FROM BASES IN MADAGASCAR.

3. RENEWAL OF ACCESS TO MALAGASY PORTS FOR U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISITS AND TO AIRFIELDS FOR U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT IF ADDITIONAL INDIAN OCEAN PORTS CLOSED TO U.S.

4. ASSIST MADAGASCAR, ONE OF THE COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS, TO MEET SOME OF ITS MOST PRESSING FOOD SUPPLY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS FOR BOTH HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES AND IN VIEW OF ESSENTIALITY OF DOING SO IN SUPPORT OF OBJECTIVES 1, 2, 3, 6 AND 8.

5. ENCOURAGE INCREASE OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM FRANCE AND OTHER DONORS FRIENDLY TO U.S. TO DEMONSTRATE FREE WORLD SUPPORT OF GENERAL ANDRIAMHAZO.

6. MAINTENANCE OF THE MALAGASY SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS.

7. SEEK A LARGER SHARE OF THE MARKET IN MADAGASCAR FOR U.S. EXPORTS.

8. SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICIES AND POSITIONS.

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9. MAINTENANCE OF ACCESS TO MALAGASY OFFICIALS.

10. INSTITUTION OF FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM BY MALAGASY GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE 3 PERCENT RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH.

(C) COUNTRY OBJECTIVES:

COUNTRY OBJECTIVES AS STATED PAGE 3 REFAIR ARE IN ORDER OF PRIORITY. COUNTRY OBJECTIVES UNDER OTHER SUB-HEADINGS ARE COROLLARIES AND EXPANSIONS OF FIRST GROUP.

3. IF ADDING PARA 2 ABOVE TO REFAIR PROVES INADEQUATE SOLUTION, PLEASE ADVISE AND EMBASSY WILL REDRAFT. IN ANY CASE, OUR APOLOGIES.

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